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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
YOSHINOBU SHIRAIWA, et al.) : Examiner: M. Good-Johnson
Application No.: 09/111,731) : Group Art Unit: 2672
Filed: July 8, 1998) :
For: IMAGE PROCESSING) February 11, 2002
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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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AMENDMENT

Technology Center 2800

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 11, 2001, the period for response to which having been extended to February 11, 2002, by the accompanying Petition For Extension Of Time, please amend the above-identified application, as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claim 18 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein.

Please amend the remaining claims and add new Claims 19 to 23 as follows.

A marked-up copy of the amended claims, showing the changes made thereto, is attached.

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